Bilateral discussion with United Kingdom

956. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
SHRI T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to discuss with the British Government a set of proposals forwarded by UK to discuss the bilateral ties in the key strategic and economic issues;

(b) whether the British Government has suggested greater interaction at different levels on issues such as terrorism, illegal immigration and other international agreements;

(c) if so, to what extent the Government have reached an agreement on this issue; and

(d) to what extent both countries have taken steps in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) to (d) Measures to strengthen bilateral cooperation are constantly under discussion between the two countries. There are however no specific proposals of the kind referred to by the Hon'ble Member. Both Governments continue to cooperate on issues such as combating terrorism and illegal immigration. India and UK have concluded an Extradition Treaty and established a Joint Working Group on combating Terrorism and Drug Trafficking.

Extradition Treaty with Philippines

957. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Philippines have signed an Extradition Treaty;

(b) if so, the details of the areas where both the countries have agreed to co-operate to fight against trans-national crime and terrorism;

(c) whether such treaties with other countries are also under consideration to counter world terrorism; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?